

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

**District of Oregon  
Portland Division**

**Deanna Ternes,**

Plaintiff(s)

vs.

**Case No: 3:11-CV-532-AC**

**NCO Financial Systems, Inc,**

Defendant(s).

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**Civil Case Assignment Order**

**(a) Presiding Judge:** The above referenced case has been filed in this court and assigned for all further proceedings to:

**Presiding Judge..... Hon. John V. Acosta**

**Presiding Judge's Suffix Code\*..... AC**

\*These letters must follow the case number on all future filings.

**(b) Courtroom Deputy Clerk:** Questions about the status or scheduling of this case should be directed to Paul Gale at (503) 326-8056 or paul\_gale@ord.uscourts.gov

**(c) Civil Docket Clerk:** Questions about CM/ECF filings or docket entries should be directed to a civil docket clerk at (503) 326-8000.

**(d) Place of Filing:** Pursuant to LR 3-3 all conventionally filed documents must be submitted to the Clerk of Court, Room 740, Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse, 1000 S.W. Third Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204. (See also LR 100-5)

**(e) Jurisdictional Authority of Magistrate Judges:**

**(1) Pretrial Administration:** In accordance with LR 72, the assigned United States Magistrate Judge is authorized to conduct all pretrial proceedings contemplated by 28 U.S.C. § 646(b) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 without further designation of the court.

**(2) Trial by Consent and Appeal Options:** In accordance with LR 73, 28 U.S.C. §

646(b) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73, all United States Magistrate Judges in this district are certified to exercise civil jurisdiction in assigned cases and, with the consent of the parties, enter final orders on dispositive motions, conduct trial, and enter final judgment which may be appealed directly to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (instead of a district judge).

**(f) Consent to a Magistrate Judge:** In accordance with 28 U.S.C. Sec. 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73, all United States Magistrate Judges in the District of Oregon are certified to exercise civil jurisdiction in assigned cases and, with the consent of the parties, may also enter final orders on dispositive motions, conduct trial, and enter final judgment which may be appealed directly to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (instead of to a District Judge).

Parties are encouraged to consent to the jurisdiction of a Magistrate Judge by signing and filing the Consent to Jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge (a copy of the consent form is included with this assignment order). There will be no adverse consequences if a party elects not to consent to a Magistrate Judge.

**(f) District Court Website:** Information about United States Magistrate Judges in the District of Oregon, local rules of practice; CM/ECF electronic filing requirements; responsibility to redact personal identifiers from pleadings, motions, and other papers; and other related court information can be accessed on the court's website at [www.ord.uscourts.gov](http://www.ord.uscourts.gov).

**Dated:** April 29, 2011

**By:** /s/ M. Kenney  
M. Kenney, Deputy Clerk

**For:** **Mary L. Moran, Clerk of Court**

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**Discovery and Pretrial Scheduling Order**

In order to facilitate and expedite discovery and the effective management of this case, the Court orders that:

**(a) Corporate Disclosure Statement:** In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 7.1, any non-governmental corporate party must file a corporate disclosure statement concurrently with the filing of a first appearance.

**(b) Initial Conference of Counsel for Discovery Planning:**

- (1)** Except in cases exempted under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(B), upon learning the identity of counsel for Defendant(s), counsel for the Plaintiff(s) must initiate communications with counsel for Defendant(s).
- (2)** All counsel must then confer as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) within thirty (30) days after all Defendants have been served (See LR 26-1).
- (3)** Counsel should also discuss their client's positions regarding consent to a Magistrate Judge and Alternate Dispute Resolution options.
- (4)** If counsel for all of the parties agree to forgo the initial disclosures required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1), they can use the Court form issued with this order (See LR 26-2). Whether or not the parties agree to forgo the initial disclosures, they may seek discovery once the initial conference of counsel for discovery planning contemplated by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) has occurred (See LR 26-1).

**(c) Rule 16 Court Conference for Scheduling and Planning:** Counsel for Plaintiff(s) and for Defendant(s) must, during or promptly after the conference of counsel referred to in the prior paragraph, contact the assigned judge's deputy clerk and schedule a LR 16-2 conference for scheduling and planning.

At the conference the parties will be prepared to discuss discovery, consent to a Magistrate Judge, scheduling or other issues presented by this action, including proposed modifications to the initial schedule set forth below (See LR 16-2).

**(d) Pretrial and Discovery Deadlines:** At the Initial Discovery Planning Conference referenced in paragraph (b) above, counsel should attempt to agree on one or more dates when they must:

- (1)** File all pleadings pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 7(a) and 15;
- (2)** Join all claims, remedies and parties pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 18 and 19;
- (3)** File all pretrial, discovery and dispositive motions;
- (4)** Complete all discovery; and
- (5)** Confer as to Alternate Dispute Resolution pursuant to LR 16-4(c).

The dates agreed upon by counsel should be communicated to the Court, and the Court will then issue a scheduling order which may include the agreed upon dates and/or set a Rule 16 Conference. Until the Court enters a subsequent scheduling order, the deadline for items (1) through (5) above will be 120 days from the date of this order.

**(e) Pretrial Order Deadline:** Unless otherwise ordered by the court, not later than 30 days from the date discovery is to be completed (item(4) above), counsel must lodge a Joint Pretrial Order (See LR 16-6), and file a Joint Alternate Dispute Resolution Report (See LR 16-4(d)).

**(f) Service of this Order:** Counsel for the Plaintiff must serve this order, and all attachments, upon all other parties to the action.

**Dated: April 29, 2011**

/s/ M. Kenney  
**By:** M. Kenney, Deputy Clerk  
**For: Mary L. Moran, Clerk of Court**

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**Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) Discovery Agreement**

In accordance with LR 26-2, I state that the parties who have been served and who are not in default, have agreed to forego the disclosures required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1).

**DATED:**

**Signature:**

**Name & OSB ID:**

**e-mail address:**

**Firm Name:**

**Mailing Address:**

**City, State, Zip:**

**Phone Number:**

**Parties Represented**

cc: Counsel of Record

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**Consent to Jurisdiction by a Magistrate Judge  
and Designation of the Normal Appeal Route**

In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P 73(b), as counsel for the party (parties) identified below, I consent to have a United States Magistrate Judge conduct any and all proceedings in this case, including entry of orders on dispositive motions, trial, and entry of final judgment. I understand that withholding consent will not result in any adverse consequences. In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 73(c), I agree that any appeal from a final order or judgment entered by a United States Magistrate Judge shall proceed directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and not to a District Judge of this Court.

**DATED:**

**Signature:**

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**Name & OSB ID:**

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**e-mail address:**

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**Firm Name:**

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**Mailing Address:**

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**Phone Number:**

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**Parties Represented**

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cc: Counsel of Record

**US District Court – Oregon**  
**Civil Case Management Time Schedules**

| Local Rule       | Event or Requirement   | Time Frame  | Comment   |
|------------------|--|---|---|
| LR 16-1(d)       | Discovery and Pretrial Scheduling Order (with attachments)                     | Issued by the clerk's office at the time of filing, along with the summonses                                  | Required to be served on all parties by the filing party  |
| LR 26-1          | Initial Conference for Discovery Planning                                      | Within 30 days from service of the last defendant   | Held between parties  |
| LR 16-2(a)       | Rule 16(b) Conference  | Scheduled by the assigned judge after the required LR 26.1 Discovery Conference                               | Affirmative duty on all counsel to contact the assigned judge's courtroom deputy (See LR 16.2(a)) |
| LR 16-4(c)       | ADR Conference Requirements  | Within 120 days from the date the discovery order is issued   | Parties must confer with other attorneys and unrepresented parties to discuss ADR options         |
|                  | Joint Status Report  | Within 120 days from the date the discovery order is issued   | Required in cases assigned to Judges Hogan and Jones  |
| LR 16-2(e)       | Completion of Discovery  | Unless otherwise ordered by the court, within 120 days from the date the discovery order is issued            | Discovery deadlines are set forth in the Discovery and Pretrial Scheduling Order                  |
| LR 16-4(d)       | Joint ADR Report   | Within 150 days from the date the discovery order is issued   | The parties must file a Joint ADR Report  |
| LR 16-6          | Joint Pretrial Order   | Unless otherwise modified pursuant to LR 16.6(a), within 150 days from the date the discovery order is issued | PTO filing deadline is established in the Discovery and Pretrial Scheduling Order                 |
| LR 16-4(f)(1)(D) | Notice to the Court that the Parties Are Unable to Select a Volunteer Mediator | Within ten (10) days after entry of a court order directing reference to a volunteer mediation                | Plaintiff's attorney is responsible for notifying the court                                       |
| LR 16-4(h)(1)    | Notification of Private ADR Results  | Within seven (7) days after the conclusion of private ADR proceedings   | Plaintiff's attorney is responsible for notifying the court                                       |
| LR 16-4(h)(2)    | Report of Court Appointed Private or Volunteer Mediation                       | Promptly if no settlement is achieved   | Court appointed private or volunteer mediator is responsible for notifying the court              |